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Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Timeline

Based upon Public Law 107-107

December 31, 2003

Secretary of Defense published proposed BRAC selection criteria for public comment in Federal Register

February, 2004

The Secretary of Defense published final BRAC selection criteria.

March 15, 2005

President Bush appointed nine BRAC Commission members:

- Anthony Principi – Chairman of the Commission, former Secretary of Veterans Affairs; resident of Los Angeles; nominated by President Bush,
- Former Congressman James Bilbray (D-Nevada); native of Las Vegas; nominated by Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid,
- Philip Coyle, former Pentagon official in the Clinton Administration; resident of Los Angeles; nominated by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi,
- Admiral Harold Gehman, USN (Ret.), former commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command, and NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic; native of Virginia; nominated by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist,
- Former Congressman James Hansen (R-Utah); resident of Salt Lake City; nominated by House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Hastert,
- General James Hill, USA (Ret.), former commander, U.S. Southern Command; native of Texas; nominated by President Bush,
- General Lloyd Newton, USAF (Ret.); former commander, USAF F-117 Stealth Fighter wing, former commander, Randolph AFB Air Education and Training Command; native of Connecticut; nominated by President Bush,
- Samuel Skinner, former U.S. Attorney and former Chief of Staff to President George H.W. Bush; native of Illinois; nominated by House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Hastert,
- Brigadier General Sue Ellen Tanner, USAF (Ret.), former director of nursing services for USAF Surgeon General; native of Illinois; nominated by President Bush

May 16, 2005

Deadline for publication in the *Federal Register* of the Secretary of Defense's recommendations for closure and realignments. Commission begins series of local and regional hearings.

July 1, 2005

U.S. Government Accountability Office reports to Congress on Defense Department's recommendations and the process used to reach them.

September 8, 2005

BRAC Commission reports to President on their view of the bases proposed for closure. The Commission cannot add any bases to the Department of Defense's May 16 list unless 7 of 9 commission members vote in favor of it. The Commission can remove bases from the list by a simple majority. At the same time, the Commission will make available to Congress the information the Commission used in its recommendations.

September 23, 2005

President issues report either approving or disapproving the Commission's Report.

October 20, 2005

Commission submits revised report to President if President disapproves of earlier report.

November 7, 2005

President sends his recommendations to Congress. If this does not happen, the process stops. List could be sent to Congress earlier than November 7.

Congress has 45 days to reject the entire list of recommendations once received from the President or the list becomes law. Congress cannot make changes to the recommendations.